

HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP  
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THE DAILY WHIPLINE

**Tuesday, January 15, 2008**

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
12:00 p.m. Meet/Recess 6:30 p.m. Quorum Call  No "One-minutes"	First Vote: 6:30 p.m. Last Vote: 7:30 p.m.

**Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.**

**Floor Schedule and Procedure**

- **The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. and recess soon thereafter until 6:30 p.m.**
- **Quorum Call at 6:30 p.m.–Establishing a Quorum in the House of Representatives for the Second Session of the 110th Congress**
- **Disposing of the President's Veto of H.R. 1585 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rep. Skelton – Armed Services):**
  - One hour of debate
  - Vote on tabling the President's Veto Message

**Bill Summary and Key Issues**

**DISPOSING OF THE PRESIDENT'S VETO OF H.R. 1585 - NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008**  
*(Rep. Skelton – Armed Services)*

On May 17, 2007, the House passed H.R. 1585 by a recorded vote of 397 – 27. The Senate passed its version on Oct. 1, 2007, by a vote of 92 to 3. The House adopted the conference report December 12 by a vote of 370 to 49. The Senate then cleared the measure by a vote of 90 to 3 on December 14, 2007.

On December 19th, Congress sent H.R. 1585, the fiscal year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act, to the President for his signature. The Bush Administration had worked closely with the Congress in the development of this legislation and gave no indication prior to its passage that the problematic section would be subject to a veto if it were included in its present form.

Subsequently, the government of Iraq raised objections to Section 1083, in which Congress strengthened the ability of victims of state-sponsored terror to seek compensation. The Iraqi government has warned that plaintiffs, including former U.S. POWs who had been held captive during the first Gulf War in the 1990s, might cite this section in seeking compensation from its assets currently in U.S. banks -- reportedly \$25 billion. The Iraqi government has reportedly threatened that, unless Iraq is protected from the applicability of the provision, Iraqi leaders will immediately move their assets out of U.S. banks.

Congress and the White House have been engaged in discussions about reviewing the effect of Section 1083 and considering whether additional action is warranted. Congressional leaders have indicated a willingness to consider technical corrections to resolve the Administration's new objections, if justified.

On December 28, 2007, the President announced that he was withholding his approval from the bill, placing in jeopardy the military pay raise, the Wounded Warrior program, contracting reform, and many other critical initiatives endorsed by the Congress.

### **Quote of the Day**

"In the past, those who foolishly sought power by riding on the back of the tiger ended up inside."—John F. Kennedy

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